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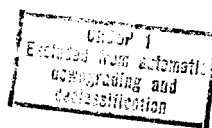
Attached is a copy of the annual report of the  
National Intelligence Survey Program for Fiscal Year 1967.



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Chairman, NIS Committee

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National Intelligence Survey

Fiscal Year 1967

Report by the NIS Committee to the  
United States Intelligence Board

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NIS Program - Fiscal Year 1967

1. The NIS Program in Fiscal Year 1967 combined a sustained output of published NIS, reaching 99% of the production commitment for the year, with significant NIS Committee action designed to keep pace with changing user requirements. The year's output of NIS was again the cooperative result of DoD and CIA production and supporting participation by both field and Washington components of State. This interagency accomplishment included the significant production inputs under contract to CIA by the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, and Labor.

2. A planning paper, submitted by the NIS Committee and forecasting production for FY 1968 and FY 1969, was approved by USIB in March 1967. The forecast reflected the continued emphasis on coverage of Africa and Latin America. Now that initial coverage of the developing areas is nearing completion, it will be possible to maintain balanced world coverage, with appropriate attention to priority areas. Illustrative of the advantage of world coverage is the USMACV request for NIS on South Vietnam for unrestricted use [REDACTED] In the same year the Arab-Israeli crisis pointed up the fact that of all the General Surveys published on the Middle East, only one was more than 2 years old (it was in the process of being updated) and several were produced within the past 9 months.

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3. The pattern of production also reflected the USIB view that the Program should emphasize General Survey production with selective supplementary coverage determined by the significance with which any specific topic applies to a particular area. The NIS Committee recognizes that a systematic listing of NIS production priorities is needed to permit orderly scheduling, and has initiated action to formulate interagency criteria from which such a list may be developed.

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4. Several actions were taken by the NIS Committee to effect improvements in NIS coverage:

The Weather and Climate analysis and data portions of the NIS Section 23 have been designated For Official Use Only to permit broader dissemination of these data. The information on meteorological organization and facilities will be issued as a classified supplement.

The production responsibility for the Health and Sanitation section on Free World areas was reallocated from the Office of Scientific Intelligence/CIA to DIA and its content broadened to meet DoD requirements. This enabled DIA to suspend publication of its departmental Health and Sanitation Studies. OSI/CIA will continue production on Communist areas with DIA support for military medical information.

The former NIS unit on Fuels and Power is now separately published with DIA responsible for Electric Power and CIA for Fuels. This permits more realistic and flexible programming in that the production of each self-contained unit will depend on its own significance to an area and it will have its own appropriate maintenance cycle.

5. In addition, the NIS Standard Instructions were revised in their entirety for the first time since 1957. The Instructions are issued in implementation of NSCID No. 3 and contain a listing of NIS areas, outline guides reflecting basic intelligence requirements, allocations of production responsibility, and instructions for the preparation and processing of this intelligence.

6. The printing of National Intelligence Surveys in the EPIC system (Electronic Printing for Intelligence Composition) is now underway. This system was developed jointly by CIA's Office of Computer Services, Printing Services Division, and the Publication Division of the Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence. It is designed to do page composition by photo-composing from computer-prepared tape. Facilitating and encouraging NIS contributors to type their original manuscript on tape is now in process. The end result will be a substantial saving in time and money.

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7. Based upon findings that field elements of CIA as well as military attaches appeared uninformed on their authority to release [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the NIS Committee revised the format of the quarterly list of NIS releasable to those commands to facilitate understanding of release procedures. At the same time, CIA and DIA issued further appropriate implementing instructions to their field elements.

8. An interesting indication of the use of the NIS is the increasing number of requests for release of NIS to private contractors in connection with research in support of military requirements. Also, by USIB directive, routine NIS dissemination includes the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] With the production emphasis on the General Survey, most issues of which are controlled, this dissemination is decreasing. This year, in addition to the special USMACV request previously mentioned, certain NIS sections also were released, with USIB approval, [REDACTED]

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9. As a result of the shift in the past few years to more selective NIS coverage, many extant NIS sections are not likely to be revised. To remove these sections from the burdened library and repository shelves and minimize the risks associated with the use of obsolescent material, the NIS Committee in the past 2 years has issued destruction notices for some 260 NIS units. This destruction is not an automatic one, but is based upon careful consideration of a section's validity.

10. The NIS Program moves into its twentieth year with an impressive record of accomplishments attuned to consumer requirements and mindful of its goal set by the National Security Council and reaffirmed by USIB that "Basic Intelligence required in the interest of national security shall be compiled and continuously maintained in the National Intelligence Surveys".

11. Statistical data on NIS production, publication, dissemination, Gazetteers, and cost estimates are briefly discussed in the following Annex.

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Production by Contributing Agencies

1. Production in FY 1967 reached 99% of the scheduled commitment. Deliveries by major contributing agencies were as follows:

	<u>Production Units</u>	
	<u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
DIA	180	181
Navy	9	9
DoD responsibility	<u>189</u>	<u>190</u>
CIA	170	168
Agriculture )	7	8
Commerce ) Under CIA	39	37
Interior ) contracts	15	14
Labor )	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
CIA responsibility	<u>239</u>	<u>233</u>
TOTAL	428	423

2. Of the 423 production units delivered by contributors in FY 1967, making up 213 volumes, approximately 77% were maintenance revisions.

3. Of the 31 General Surveys produced, representing 53% of the year's unit production, 10 are on new areas, thereby increasing to 108 the number of NIS Areas on which one-volume survey-type NIS is available.

Publication

4. A total of 193 volumes was published during FY 1967; this compares with 187 the year before. In addition, two issues of the NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook were published. The current inventory of available NIS volumes totals 2, 995.

NIS Dissemination

5. Programmed dissemination of NIS approximated 55,000 copies. In addition, some 15,000 were disseminated as a result of supplemental requests to meet specific user requirements. Over 8,700 copies of 58 published NIS were reprinted to meet consumer demand.

Gazetteers

6. The Gazetteer Program provides geographic name coverage of all the foreign land areas of the world and for the past 9 years name research has been directed to maintenance and revision of the gazetteers and name files. During FY 1967 seven revisions were published and research was completed on five others which will be published in early FY 1968. This will bring to over 4 million the geographic names processed since the beginning of the Program.

Cost Estimates

7. In response to USIB directive, DoD and CIA have estimated NIS costs from the total production costs of a large number of components using personnel and other resources for a wide range of intelligence requirements. DoD estimates the FY 1967 cost of its contributions to the Program at approximately [REDACTED] CIA estimates its production cost at about [REDACTED] with an additional cost of approximately [REDACTED] for processing and printing of contributions and for other services associated with the administration of the NIS Program. The cost of some [REDACTED] for Gazetteers, produced as a service of Government-wide common concern by the Office of Geography (Interior) under CIA contract, is not included in the above.

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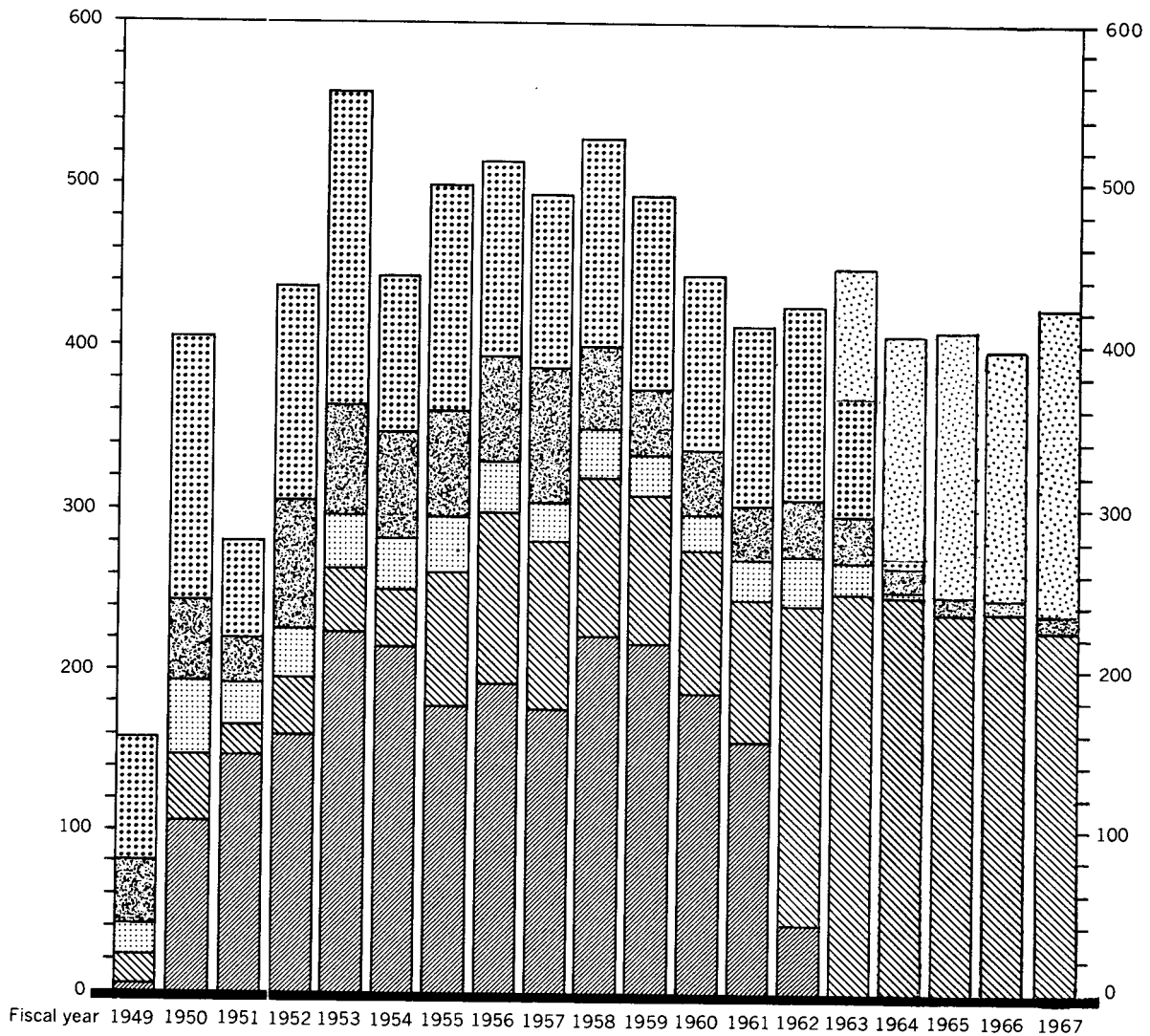
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THE NIS PROGRAM  
CONTRIBUTOR PRODUCTION OF NIS BY YEAR  
AS OF 30 JUNE 1967

Number of  
Production Units



\* Since F.Y. 1962, includes contributions from Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, Interior and Labor (Similar contributions formerly included under State).

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